

City of Middletown
Parks & Recreation Department
100 Riverview Center
Suite 140
Middletown, Connecticut 06457

Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of November 3, 2011
Held at the Recreation Department Office at 100 Riverview Center

Present: Commissioners Gerry Winzer, Dan Drew, Tony Jaskot, Tom D'Aquila and Sheila Jones.
Director Raymond Santostefano, representing the Parks and Recreation Department.

Absent: Commissioners Pessina and Romano. Superintendent's John Milardo and Raymond Jacobs.

Call: Chairman Winzer called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, in the main room of the Recreation Office, at 100 Riverview Center, Suite 140.

Public Hearing: Giuseppe and Heather Iaderrosa spoke about their desire to start a Lacrosse League here in Middletown and their need to find two fields, such as Vinal Tech and Lawrence.

Minutes: Chairman Winzer requested a motion be made accepting the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of September 1, 2011. Commissioner Jones accepted. Commissioner Jaskot seconded the motion.

Department Reports: Director Santostefano discussed the Parks Department's busy fall maintenance schedule.

Director Santostefano discussed the Recreation Department's various programs. He also spoke about the different issues regarding the department's brochure and discussed ideas to resolve these issues. He mentioned on line registration and stated that it will hopefully be up and running by February 2012.

Correspondence: None

Miscellaneous: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Chairman Winzer asked the Commissioners about voting on the youth lacrosse requests for usage of city fields.

Motion: Commissioner Drew made a motion to accept the requests. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion was approved by a four (4) to one (1) vote. Commission D'Aquila opposed the motion.

Chairman Winzer spoke about authorizing the Parks and Recreation Commission to remove all signs from Union Park and Veterans Memorial Green.

Discussion: The Commissioners discussed the sign removal issue in detail. Director Santostefano went on record opposing the removal of signs at both of the parks, explaining that he believed that the signs gave the appearance of a vibrant community.

Motion: Commissioner Drew made a motion to follow the ordinance regarding the removal of all signs from Union Park and Veterans Memorial Green. Commissioner D'Aquila seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Drew stated that he was not comfortable with the language regarding the proposed ATV ordinance and would like to make a motion to move it on to the next Ordinance Study Committee meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Drew made a motion to refer the proposed ATV ordinance back to the next Ordinance Study Committee to be reworded. Commissioner D'Aquila seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion was approved by a four (4) to one (1) vote. Commissioner D'Aquila opposed the motion.

Amendment: On the request of Director Santostefano, Commissioner Drew amended the removal of all signs from Union Park and Veteran Memorial Green to go into effect as of November 7, 2011. Commissioner Jones seconded the amendment.

Vote: The amendment was unanimously approved.

Director Santostefano spoke about reviewing and setting the Recreation activity fees, section 214-40. of the Middletown Code of Ordinances, which was discussed by the Commissioners

Motion: Commissioner Jaskot made a motion to keep the Recreation activity fees the same. Commissioner D'Aquila seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion was unanimously approved.

Director Santostefano discussed the \$25,000.00 South Green holiday tree light project.

Motion: Commissioner D'Aquila made a motion to accept the \$25,000.00 South Green holiday tree light project. Commissioner Jaskot seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion was unanimously approved.

Miscellaneous: None

Adjournment:

Commissioner D'Aquila made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Jones. It was a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lori A. Marcati

cc Mayor Sebastian Giuliano